

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 12 August 1953

PRESENT: General Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Colonel White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Helms, Sheldon, [] (part of meeting), Mr. [] (part of meeting), []

General Cabell:

a. Asked Mr. [] to report on the fact that the advanced covert courses offered by the Office of Training are under-subscribed. Mr. [] gave a detailed statistical review of enrollments in advanced courses now offered and failure to take advantage of basic courses now offered in the Agency. Mr. [] sees three tasks in the development of covert training: 1) to build up enrollment in the basic courses, 2) to establish genuine refresher courses for returned staff personnel instead of expecting them to take unsuitable advanced courses, 3) to develop agent training. He favored training at the desk-, branch-, and division-chief levels. Mr. [] recommended: 1) a better organization of training responsibilities within divisions; 2) an effort to cut down exemptions from prescribed training courses; 3) more adequate guidance from the operations people as to course content. Mr. [] reported that a catalogue of training courses is in preparation and should be ready early in September. Mr. Wisner strongly urged that the course in clandestine economic warfare for which there has been no demand be retained in the curriculum pending further study. General Cabell supported this and said that research in such a field warranted keeping an instructor in the training establishment rather than releasing him. [] noted, with respect to exemptions from training, that he found it wise not to give an Agency training course to his probationary technicians until after overseas duty.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Asked General Cabell to seek some definite action on the [] paper at the PSB Meeting, and an indication of what the PSB wishes CIA to do on the matter. It was agreed that, in the event a special committee is established for this subject, State should chair such a committee at this stage, relinquishing the chairmanship to CIA in the operational phase.

b. Mentioned the letter which [] had written to J. Edgar Hoover on RFE. It was agreed that he should show it to [] and General Smith. Mr. Kirkpatrick said he would clear with the FBI our showing the letter to others.

c. Noted that the Under Secretary of State is planning to talk to the Indian Ambassador today regarding alleged U.S. involvement in the Kashmir question and reported that, as far as CIA is concerned, there is no truth in the allegation.

Mr. Sheldon:

a. Drew attention to the Alsop article in today's paper []

b. Reported that the [] letters contributed much to the McCarthy aspect

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of the decline of U.S. prestige abroad and stressed the importance of getting the verbatim reports from Professor [redacted]

Colonel White:

a. Reported that he was certain that the GPO printer [redacted] who is alleged by the McCarthy Committee to have had access to CIA and other classified documents at the GPO, had in fact seen nothing of substantive intelligence character. (This was later confirmed by telephone from [redacted] Deputy Public Printer, who reported to Colonel White that there was absolutely no basis in fact for the McCarthy allegation.)

b. Reported receiving an inquiry from the Bureau of the Budget on CIA possession and use of motor vehicles. General Cabell asked Colonel White to make a detailed examination of our situation. It was agreed that Colonel White would make an unpurgated report including both headquarters and overseas, and that this report would be examined from a security point of view before any reply was made to the Bureau of the Budget's inquiry. It was noted that we had prepared basic information of this sort for the Taber Committee.

Mr. [redacted]

Noted that we had received a letter from the Executive Secretariat at the Department of State concerning the delivery of State cables to CIA and requesting the designation of one CIA distribution point for all State cables. It was agreed that the resolution of this question would await further study in the Office of the Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]

SUBJECT : Deputies' Meeting Minutes of 12 August 1953

I believe it is inappropriate to report item B on the first page of the Deputies' Meeting Minutes of 12 August 1953, and suggest that this item be stricken from the record.

On the basis that these minutes are exceedingly sensitive and most likely to be exposed to unauthorized scrutiny, Mr. Sheldon indicated he was willing to let the item stand as written.

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